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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/618,291	Applicant(s) QASHOU ET AL.	
	Examiner Ms. Arti Singh	Art Unit 1771	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,6-11,13 and 14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,6-11,13 and 14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 04/17/06 has been entered. All previously made rejections are now withdrawn and a new rejection has been set forth below. Currently the only claims under prosecution are 1-3, 6-11, 13 and 14.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-3, 6-11, 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over USPN 6028018 issued to Amundson et al. further in view of USPN 5962112 issued to Haynes et al.

4. Amundson et al disclose a nonwoven, dual sided wet wipe (col. 1, lines 60-65) can be used for personal care, such as baby and hand wipes (col 8, lines 30-40) or as an industrial wipe (col 8, lines 30-40) or for medical purposes (col 2, lines 65-68). The nonwoven fabric has bonded regions and unbonded regions (col. 5, lines 25-55) and within the percentages as desired by Applicant-the bond area is between about 4 -30% of the total area (col 5, lines 25-35). The nonwoven fabric comprises a meltblown precursor web comprising fibers (filaments) (col. 3, lines 55-60 and col 7, lines 1-10). The nonwoven fabric also includes another

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precursor web that is air permeable and is being equated to Applicant's second nonwoven layer (col.3, line 35 -col 4, line 30). The precursor webs are thermally bonded to form the nonwoven fabric (col 5, lines 25-55). Amundson teaches all the features of these claims except the size of the meltblown filaments to be about 25 micrometers.

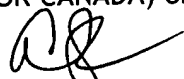
5. Haynes remedies this, and teaches forming wet wipe articles wipes can be provided for various cleaning purposes, including industrial cleaning wipes, food service wipes and baby wipes (col 1, lines 5-10) made from layers of nonwoven sheets bonded together (col 1, lines 5-20 and 35-45). A skilled artisan would have found it obvious to have employed the meltblown fibers of Haynes et al (5-50 microns) in the composite of Amundson. One would have been motivated to do this as it is commonly known to use filaments of such dimensions and further supported by the fact that it would be lightweight and economical to use what is readily available and known to be used in the art of wipes.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ms. Arti Singh whose telephone number is 571-272-1483. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T 9-5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terrel Morris can be reached on 571-272-1478. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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